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Aerial photography taken during [redacted] reveals a heretofore unknown secondary route of the Trans-Siberian Railroad (Trans-Sib) between Zaozerny and Kansk; a branch line running north along the Yenesei River from Krasnoyarsk to Dodonovo; and a short stretch of railroad near Syktyvkar.

Kansk-Krasnoyarsk

There is an auxiliary route of the Trans-Sib between Kansk and Zaozerny. It runs north of the regular route, and did not appear to be in use at the time of the photography. It is possible that this represents an old road bed that has been abandoned. Both routes are shown on the attached map.

Krasnoyarsk-Dodonovo

Along the right bank of the Yenesei, from Krasnoyarsk to beyond Dodonovo, there is an active rail line. It appears that the line is double-track for at least part of the distance of about 40 kilometers, but the scale does not permit positive determination. At a point some five miles north-northeast of Dodonovo the line appears to end abruptly, with no evidence of line surveys beyond that point. Several trains,

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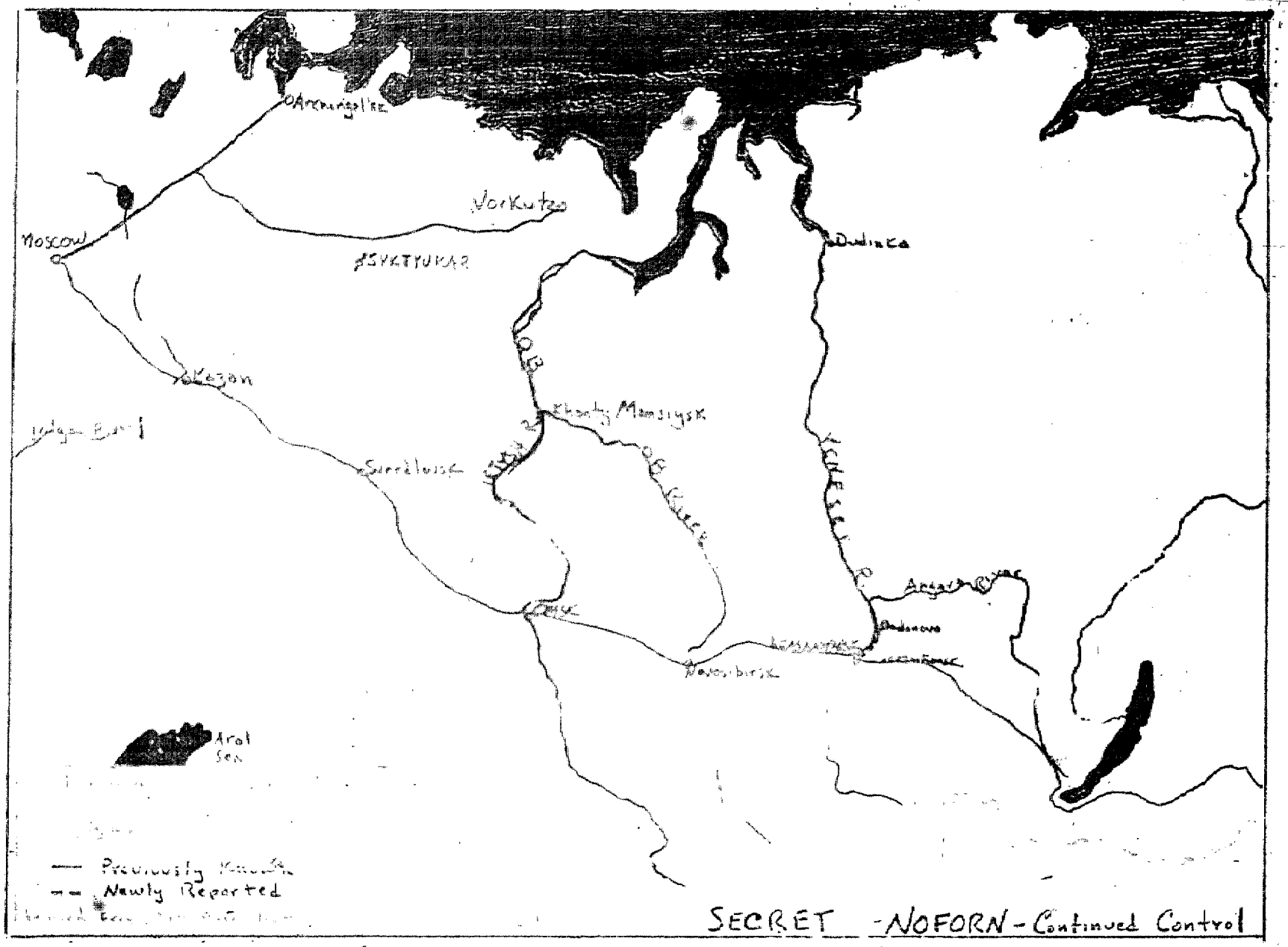
probably work trains, are in evidence on the line.

Khanty-Mansiysk Area

Photography of the area and to the south of the confluence of the Irtysh and the Ob Rivers shows no very good evidence of a rail line. One earth scar running south from Khanty-Mansiysk is very straight for long stretches, but other indications point to its being a road rather than a railroad. In this area of relatively flat country, there is no reason for a road to be other than straight.

Syktyvkar

The single aerial photo showing Syktyvkar images what is almost certainly a railroad entering the town from the southwest. The small scale of the oblique photo limits interpretation, but additional photos have been ordered. If the additional photography permits more detailed treatment, a supplementary report will be issued.



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